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Dear Dr. Baldwin: (via Mr. Hawley)

As we discussed on the phone, I am writing in connection with the proposed visit of Dr. L. L. Cavalli-Sforza this spring.

I am enclosing his curriculum vitae, and added to it the other information required. I do not have his date of birth, and will forward this as soon as possible.

Dr. Cavalli and I have had a long standing collaboration by mail, and during a brief visit he made in 1954. Our research on sexuality in bacteria is approaching an urgent crisis of the utmost importance, and we plan a most intensive program of research together during his visit. We have already discussed some details of this program when I visited him in Milan during my return from Australia in November.

His visit will also encompass the Symposium on Medical Genetics to be held here in April. The Symposium grant will accommodate his travel cost.

The proposed salary is rather less than he has been offered for permanent positions in the United States, e. g., at the N. I. H. It is intended to take account of the disproportionate expense of a stay of 6 months, and is well within any reasonable estimate of the value of his services.

Dr. Cavalli states that he might be eligible to enter as a "temporary worker", in which case the University should file form I-129-B with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This would allow more freedom of future action if he should decide to immigrate within the next two years (as I have urged on account of rather unsatisfactory working conditions in his field in Italy). However, he will accept an exchange-visitor's visa if the other is impractical (USP-66, exchange program P-105).

If it would facilitate his entry, I am prepared to urge his appointment as Visiting Associate Professor of Medical Genetics, but have not done so at present because of the red tape involved.

I am anxious for Dr. Cavalli to stay as long as possible, and have the funds necessary for the full six months' appointment (NIH-484-2376 and NSF 484-2110). It is doubtful whether he can make all necessary arrangements as early as March 1, and he may have to return in July or August. The 6 months indicated is intended as an outside estimate.

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It would be difficult for one to stress sufficiently the urgency of Dr. Cavalli's visit at this time for the progress of our research on bacterial sexuality. I earnestly request your help in expediting it.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Medical Genetics

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